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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original inventor of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR OF MHC CLASS II GENES, SUBSTANCES CAPABLE
OF INHIBITING THIS NEW TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR, AND MEDICAL USES
OF THESE SUBSTANCES**

the specification of which:

- ☒ was filed on **April 24, 2001** as a United States non-provisional application, given United States Serial No. 09/840,243, bearing Attorney Docket No. **23135-510 CON**.
- ☐ is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

- ☒ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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- ☐ I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) or §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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Exhibit 1 – Pending claims, including all proposed amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A An isolated protein or peptide, wherein said protein or peptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11 and wherein said protein or peptide is capable of restoring the MHC-II expression in cells a cell from an MHC-II deficiency patients patient in complementation group B and ~~comprising all or part of the amino acid sequence shown in figure 2.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The protein or peptide according to claim 1 wherein the ~~cells are~~ cell is from a BLS 1 cell line, a Na cell line or Ba an Ab cell line.
3. (Previously Amended) The protein or peptide according to claim 1 wherein the MHC-II is HLA-DR, HLA-DP or HLA-DQ.
4. – 61. (Cancelled)
62. (Currently Amended) A An isolated protein or peptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 80% 95% identity or similarity with the amino acid sequence ~~shown in figure 2~~ of SEQ ID NO: 11, wherein said protein or peptide is capable of restoring MHC-II expression in a cell from an MHC-II deficiency patient in complementation group B and wherein said protein or peptide comprises an ankyrin-repeating region having an amino acid sequence comprising amino acid residues 122-222 of SEQ ID NO: 11.
63. – 76. (Cancelled)